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YOU Too Can Have Free Access to Ohio and Federal Cases through Lexis Online

Come to the law library to find Ohio or Federal cases. You can pull up these cases at no charge on Lexis at the law library, and then send them by email to your personal account, save them on disk, or print them out for a nominal charge. If you are not familiar with Lexis, be sure to attend one of the training sessions at the library on October 11th.

Lexis Training Sessions

Thursday, Oct. 11th 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Please call the Law Library at (330)451-7380 to reserve a spot!

CLE credit may be offered. Contact the Law Library for information.

Sources for Full-Text Articles at the Law Library

Requesting Medical Articles Made Easy

The law library now has electronic access to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed service. This databases allows the library to request full-text medical articles through the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. The articles are usually delivered in 1-2 business days at a cost of \$8.00-\$10.00. If you need a medical article, just ask a staff member, and she will request it for you.

Law Review Articles Online

The online Shepard's service the library subscribes to, which is available on all main library computers, also provides the full-text of many law review articles. To access the law review articles, choose "Get a Document" from the main screen, and then enter the law review citation. Staff members can also fax law review articles available from this service. The database

includes articles covering approximately the last ten years. Unfortunately, there is no subject search available.

FirstSearch

The library also has access to OCLC's FirstSearch. This service provides various databases that provide both citations and full-text articles. If you have a specific citation or a subject area, a staff member can use this database to search for appropriate articles for you. The charge for full-text articles from this service is \$5.00 per document.

New Library Assistant

Pam Frame has returned to the Law Library as our new Library Assistant.



Calendar

Monday, Oct. 8th - Library
CLOSED for Columbus Day

Thursday, Oct. 11th - Lexis
Training Sessions at 10:00
and 1:30.

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Federal and State Election Information

Ohio

The Secretary of State http://www.state.oh.us/sos/ website includes the current election calendar, a voter guide, absentee ballot information, and more. Under Election Services http://www.state.oh.us/sos/ election_services.htm> you will find general voter information, past election results, campaign finance forms and deadlines.

Federal

The Federal Election Commission http://www.fec.gov/> website offers access to the campaign finance filings of house. senate, and presidential campaigns, political parties, and political action committees, since 1996, or search the database for selected contributions. Extensive information is also available by campaign and committee for the most recent election. Registration and reporting forms, reporting dates, election laws and cases, and a variety of FEC publications are also online. 1

If It's Not Martindale, Beware!

The Ohio Board of Grievances and Discipline has issued an advisory opinion on whether paid attorney listings on the Internet violate the state's ethical rules. ² It can be found on the Internet at http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/BOC/Advisory_Opinions/2001//2001-02.doc>.



FindLaw is providing a clearinghouse on its Web site http://news.findlaw.com/legalnews/us/terrorism/clearinhouse.html "for legal professionals wishing to donate goods, services or resources to firms, legal departments or legal education providers facing the daunting task of rebuilding in the wake of the attacks." ³

Increase Your Firm's Visibility Within Your Community

"The volunteer efforts of lawyers and judges are a vital resource for educating students and the general public about the law." 4

To this end, the ABA
Division of Public Education is
making available a booklet
entitled "Educating the Public
about the Law," which contains
tips, resources, sample programs
and personal stories. You can
download it from http://www.abanet.org/publiced/volunteer/home.html.

Terrorism Law & Policy

Posted by JURIST, "the guide features breaking news, US policy documents, Executive Orders and federal legislation, academic commentary and an extensive bibliography." ⁵ It is located at http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/terrorism.htm.

Virus Protection Reminders

Nimda may be gone, but it's only a matter of time until the next one hits!

Here is a list of reminders:

- Get a good protection program, (Norton and McAfee are the most popular)
- 2. UPDATE OFTEN!
- 3. And, of course, NEVER double-click on any file, especially an email attachment, regardless of who the file is from, until you first scan that file with your anti-virus program. And although inconvenient, it's a very good idea to call anyone who sends you an e-mail with an attachment to make sure it really is from them (not a worm).
- Download and install ALL Critical Update patches from Microsoft or whatever system you use.
- 5. Use a pop-up killer like Web-Washer from http://www.webwasher.com/en/products/wwash/download_license. htm>. (Since Nimda used this avenue to get into your computer, others are likely to go there too.) ⁶



Welcome! To Our Newest Members

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Have you applied for membership?

Complete a **membership application** at the law library. Or call, we'll FAX or email it.

Your first year of membership is free!

Daypop

Daypop http://www.daypop.com/ offers a unique service by searching nearly 3000 news sites. Daypop is unique in its offerings in many ways.

- It searches traditional news sources such as CNN, MSNBC, BBC, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and Salon.
- 2. But it also includes Web logs (often called blogs, which typically feature informal personal commentary with links to stories and Web pages at other sites that record the quirky and individualistic side of online news and information) like Metafilter, Indigo Hat, Boing Boing, ResearchBuzz and many more.
- 3. It also searches by recency, you can limit your search to pages posted in the last hour, 3 hours, 12 hours, week etc., and the results list includes links to cached copies of each item (with keywords highlighted).

4. The bar under every link displays the relevancy of each link. There is a lot of information in the bar, but you will need to go to http://www.danchan.com/weblog/daypop, scroll down to Monday, September 24th and print out the codes to get the most from the site.

HR LegiState

This CCH product describes itself as: "Your online resource for up-to-the-minute information about Federal and State employment law." HR LegiState provides:

- Timely information about new developments
- Complete law summaries for both Federal and State law
- Easy-to-use survey tools to research State law information
- Comprehensive answers to common questions

The site is definitely worth a test drive, then decide if it is worth the \$150—\$700/year fee. 8

A Few Items of Interest on the Web

"Backups Let Firms Keep Running." By Rob Kaiser. At http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chi-0109120218sep12.story.

- "The Cornell Legal Research Encyclopedia" at http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/encyclopedia/.
- "Preview of VersusLaw's, USConline™, CFRonline™, and CFRupdate!" By Kathy Biehl and T. R. Halvorson. At http://www.llrx.com/features/cfrusc.htm.
- "Putting the Workday in Perspective: Saving Time for What's Important." By Cindy Curling. At http://www.llrx.com/columns/notes45.htm. (At the end of the article is a list of work-at-home software)
- "Tracks In Cyberspace: Giving the Web a Memory Cost Its Users Privacy." By John Schwartz at http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/04/technology/04COOK.html (The article is about cookies technology and how to read a cookie on your computer!!!)



Footnotes

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Baud: 9600
Parity: N
Data bits: 8
Stop bits: 1
Duplex: F,
Login: dialin.
Password: dialin.
Terminal type: VT100
Press enter at main SIRSI

Select Utility: Wsclient Press BEGIN to start Choose Library Catalog

For more detailed instructions, please contact the law library at 451-7380.

Membership and Fees: Membership is open to those who have passed the Ohio State Bar Examination.

First year Bar member.....\$5.00 6+ years as member......\$10.00

Membership checks must be separate from other payments, please.

Circulation: Most print materials can be checked out by members for two weeks. Some items may be taken out ovemight only. You may renew items by phone.

Online Databases Available to members: Internet (including email), WestLaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, OPEN, PubMed, First Search, BNA Employment Law Library, and CCH Human Resources. Technical support from the staff is available. Charges vary.

Photocopies: \$.15 each, self-service. Vending cards may be purchased in any amount. Microfiche/film copies are also \$.15 each. Printing from computers is \$.15 per page.

FAX services for members: Send a fax for \$.25 per page within our local calling area, \$.50 outside. Receive free of charge.

Reference services for members by phone, fax and email are available.

Inter-library Loan services for members are available. Charges vary.

Free Training for members on any electronic service



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